

Amendment No. 1 to SB2885

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 2885*

House Bill No. 2883

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by deleting Sections 2 and 3 in their entirety and substituting the following:

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 65-4-117, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and by adding the following language as a new subsection (b):

(b) Not later than December 31, 2004, the authority shall designate an entity to be the 2-1-1 collaborative for the state of Tennessee, such 2-1-1 collaborative being designated in order to be qualified to obtain federal grants relating to 2-1-1 service in Tennessee. The authority may designate an entity to be the 2-1-1 collaborative based on either the petition of an entity seeking such designation, or based on the authority's own motion.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 65-4-301(a), is amended by designating the existing language as subdivision (1) and by adding the following language to be designated as subdivision (2):

(2) Fees collected by the authority pursuant to this part shall be expended by the authority for the inspection, control and supervision of the business service and rates of such public utilities as established in Section 1 above. In addition, the TRA may grant, on a one-time basis, an amount not to exceed four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) from the public utilities account (as defined in T.C.A. § 65-4-307) to the 2-1-1 collaborative for the purpose of defraying start-up costs associated with the establishment of 2-1-1 telephone service on a state-wide basis in Tennessee. Such grant may be made only after public notice is provided by the TRA, specifically giving all public utilities which are currently doing business in this state and subject to the control and jurisdiction of the authority, the opportunity to raise objection to such grant. The

authority shall consider any objection timely filed in response to the authority notice prior to making such grant.